

REMARKS

Claims 12-22 remain in the application. Claims 12 and 18 are newly rejected in the supplemental Examiner's Answer under Section 101 based on an order by the Board remanding the appeal to the Examiner. The rejections under Section 103, fully traversed in the Appeal Brief, are not further argued herein, but such arguments are incorporated herein by reference.

To more clearly comply with the requirements of Section 101, claims 12 and 18 are amended. Further, several dependent claims are amended to assure consistency with the amended language of the independent claims. Support for the language introduced into claims 12 and 18 is found in the specification at paragraphs [0032] and [0041].

All of the argument with regard to the outstanding art rejections stands as stated in the Appeal Brief without amendment to the claims.

Conclusion

Based on the amendments presented herein, all of the claims satisfy the requirements of Section 101 and are patentable over the prior art for the reasons reiterated in the appeal brief. The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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